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Governor to join children in cutting ribbon on disability department's new complex

MONTGOMERY – Gov. Bob Riley will join children and adults with disabilities at an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new location of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m.

ADRS recently moved its state and Montgomery district offices from its former site on East South Boulevard to three newly renovated buildings at 602 S. Lawrence St. The department serves some 67,000 Alabamians statewide, with more than 6,000 of those in the tri-county area.

ADRS Commissioner Steve Shivers said he is pleased that several children and adults with disabilities and their families will be participating in the celebration. Individuals representing three of the department's four major programs will be on hand to cut the ribbon, with Gov. Riley assisting.

"The people we serve are our heart – they're the reason we're here," Shivers said. "This complex is for them. It's fitting that they cut the ribbon."

Shivers said the department is excited about its new location.

"In addition to being more convenient, our new complex features a more spacious, state-of-the-art facility for the children, teenagers, adults, and families who receive services from us," he said. "We're pleased to have this opportunity to show it off to our families, supporters, friends, and partners."

Invited guests include members of the Alabama Legislature, staff from Mayor Bobby Bright's office, commissioners and directors of other governmental agencies, and representatives of some of the department's local partner organizations.

The Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services is the state agency whose mission is to enable Alabama's children and adults with disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.